COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING

INCIDENT:	ON-DUTY, HIT SHOOTING
IAB FILE NUMBER:	SH2263754
URN#:	010-03304-0272-455
DATE / TIME:	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010, 0014 HOURS
LOCATION:	[redacted] DOBINSON STREET, LOS ANGELES
INVOLVED DEPUTY:	TROY KRAUTKRAMER #[redacted] EAST LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S STATION
PATIENT:	ARNIE GABRIEL GONZALES MH/31

Opening Statement

On Wednesday, March 24, 2010, Internal Affairs Investigators Sergeant Victor Allen, Sergeant Kelly Adler, and Lieutenant Alicia Ault responded to [redacted] Dobinson Street in the county area of East Los Angeles regarding an on-duty hit shooting which resulted in three gunshot wounds to Patient Arnie Gonzales. Office of Independent Review Attorney Ben Jones was notified and responded to the scene.

Synopsis

On Wednesday, March 24, 2010, Deputies Troy Krautkramer and Leonardo Garcia were working the early morning shift in unit 21 in the county area of East Los Angeles. They received an attempt suicide call (902A) to [redacted] Dobinson Street, Los Angeles. The information in the call indicated a male Hispanic 30 years old had cut his wrist. Deputy Krautkramer drove to the location and arrived in approximately three minutes. He parked in front of the driveway of [redacted] Dobinson Street. As they approached the home, they were met on the front porch by a male Hispanic, later identified as Witness [redacted] Deputy Krautkramer observed that Witness [redacted] did not appear to be cut or bleeding, so he believed he was not the person identified in the call.

Witness [redacted] told Deputies Krautkramer and Garcia that his [redacted] Patient Gonzales was in the back bedroom of the home. They entered the home with Deputy Krautkramer in the lead. Deputy Garcia was slightly behind and to the left of Deputy Krautkramer. As they entered, the living room was to their right, a hallway was in front of them and the dining room and kitchen areas to their left. Deputy Krautkramer surveyed the interior of the location checking from his right to left. He could see a male, who was later identified as Patient Gonzales, standing in the hallway. Deputy Krautkramer continued to check to his left to ensure their were no other threats, before bringing his attention back to Patient Gonzales.

Deputy Krautkramer could see Patient Gonzales was bleeding from his right arm and his wrist was wrapped with a bandana. He ordered Patient Gonzales to raise his hands above his head. Patient Gonzales stared at them. He did not comply with Deputy Krautkramer's order and he did not respond verbally. After Deputy Krautkramer repeated his commands several times, Patient Gonzales raised both hands above his head. Suddenly, he lowered his right hand and reached behind his back. Patient Gonzales quickly began to bring his right hand forward. Deputy Krautkramer believed Patient Gonzales had armed himself with a weapon. Fearing for his life, Deputy Krautkramer fired three rounds from his Department authorized 9mm Beretta at Patient Gonzales.

Patient Gonzales was struck by the gunfire and fell backward to the ground. Deputy Krautkramer told Deputy Garcia to broadcast over the radio they were involved in a shooting. Deputy Krautkramer went outside to summon paramedics who were staged nearby. After putting out the radio traffic, Deputy Garcia followed Deputy Krautkramer outside. When additional deputy personnel arrived, the interior of the location was cleared and Patient Gonzales was searched.

Patient Gonzales was medically treated at the scene by paramedics from Los Angeles County Fire Department. Subsequently, he was transported to Los Angeles County USC Medical Center for further treatment. Patient Gonzales was not arrested in the incident.

According to family members, Patient Gonzales had a history of mental illness and suicide attempts. On Monday, March 22, 2010, Patient Gonzales had been released from the hospital after being self admitted for a mental evaluation. On the day of this incident, Patient Gonzales was depressed over his relationship with his [redacted], Witness [redacted] Patient Gonzales' family said he had been drinking throughout the day and was intoxicated.

Involved Personnel

Deputy Troy Krautkramer #[redacted]
East Los Angeles Station, Field Operations Region I

Work History

Date of Employment:	**4/19/2001**
Date Assigned to Patrol:	[redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Date Assigned to East Los Angeles Station:	**11/1/2007**
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):	[redacted]

Patient

Arnie Gabriel Gonzales MH/31
D.O.B 12-30-78
[redacted]
Criminal History - [redacted]

Witnesses

The following civilian witnesses were interviewed by Homicide Investigators Sylvia Brossoit and Phillip Martinez.

[redacted]

Witness [redacted] was Patient Gonzales' [redacted] at the time of the shooting. She had received a phone call from Patient Gonzales informing her he had cut his wrist. She called to Witness [redacted] telling him what Patient Gonzales had done and requested he call for an ambulance. Refer to pages 3 - 6 of **[Exhibit A]** for a summary of her statement.

[redacted]

Witness [redacted] is the [redacted] of Patient Gonzales. He lived at the location. After receiving the call from Witness [redacted] he saw the cuts to Patient Gonzales' wrist. He made the 911 call requesting an ambulance. Refer to pages 6 - 8 of **[Exhibit A]** for a summary of his interview.

[redacted]

Witness [redacted] is the [redacted] of Patient Gonzales. She was at the location asleep when the 911 call was made. She woke up when the deputies arrived and was standing near Patient Gonzales at the time of the shooting. Refer to pages 8 & 9 of **[Exhibit A]** for a summary of her interview.

Injuries

Patient Gonzales sustained a gunshot wound to his chest and two gunshot wounds to his buttocks. Refer to page 122 of **[Exhibit A]**.

Physical Evidence

All physical evidence was located and collected by Homicide investigators and Scientific Services Bureau personnel. For a description of the evidence and the locations were they were recovered refer to the Homicide Investigation Book pages 17 -20 **[Exhibit A]** and the crime scene photos **[Exhibit B]**.

Investigators Observations

IAB Investigators observed an empty Vodka bottle next to the walkway leading to the front door of the residence. Standing on the front porch, IAB Investigators saw the television in the livingroom was on, paramedic debris in the livingroom and the light fixture in the hallway was illuminated.

The scene was described in detail by Homicide Detectives Linda Muse and Traci Gonzales. Refer to pages of **[Exhibit A]** for further.

Weapon used by Deputy Troy Krautkramer

Three (3) rounds fired from a Department issued "Beretta," 9 millimeter, semi-automatic handgun, serial number BER[redacted]

> **IAB Note: The range qualification record indicated Deputy Krautkramer last qualified with his Beretta on [redacted] [Exhibit C]. The [redacted] for the first trimester of 2010 indicated Deputy Krautkramer [redacted] during this period. Refer to page 2 of [Exhibit D].**

Weapon used by Patient Arnie Gonzales

None

Property Damage

The property damage consisted of three bullet holes. One bullet hole was to the hallway mirror (Item #E), one bullet hole to the bathroom wall (Item #E-1), and one bullet hole was to a wall heater (Item #I). The location of these bullet holes are described in detail on pages 20 & 21 of the Homicide Investigators Book **[Exhibit A]** under the aforementioned item numbers.

Homicide Investigator

Sergeant Sylvia Brossoit #[redacted]
Detective Phillip Martinez #[redacted]

Lighting and Weather Conditions

This incident occurred inside a hallway of the home. The hallway was illuminated by a ceiling light fixture at the rear of the hallway.

IAB Interview of Deputy Leonardo Garcia

Deputy Garcia stated they received a 902A call (attempt Suicide) to [redacted] Dobinson Street, Los Angeles. The call was sent to them via the Mobile Digital Terminal (MDT) and voiced over the radio. Deputy Krautkramer drove them to the location. Upon arrival, Deputy Garcia pressed the 97 button on the MDT indicating they arrived on scene. Also, he went over the radio and announced the were on scene and out for investigation (Code-6). They were met on the front porch by the informant, who was subsequently identified as Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] informed them that the person who was trying to kill himself was in the back of the home.

The front door to the home was already open. Deputy Krautkramer entered the home first. Deputy Garcia followed him inside. A male, who was later identified as Patient Gonzales, was standing in the hallway. His hands were down to his side. Deputy Krautkramer gave Patient Gonzales several commands to raise his hands. They were about 15 to 20 feet away when Deputy krautkramer was giving the commands.

IAB Note: Deputy Garcia indicated their position inside the location on the interior sketch [Exhibit E]. He is identified by the letter "G," Deputy Krautkramer is identified by the letter "K" and patient Gonzales is identified by the letter"S."

After being told several times, Patient Gonzales finally complied and started to raise his hands. As Patient Gonzales was raising his left hand, he reached behind his back with his right hand. His right hand was in his rear waistband area. He made a motion as though he was bringing his right hand forward. It was at that time Deputy Garcia heard

Deputy Krautkramer fire three rounds. The Patient went down to the ground. Deputy Garcia said that Deputy Krautkramer was in his line of fire which prevented him from shooting.

Deputy Garcia said he went over the radio and put out they were involved in a 998 (Deputy involved shooting). Deputy Krautkramer went out of the home and Deputy Garcia followed him outside. At this time the home had not been cleared and the Patient had not been searched. They advised the fire department, who was already on scene, that a person had been shot inside. The fire department personnel asked if the location was clear for them to enter. After advising them that it was not clear, Deputy Garcia went and cleared the location and confirmed there were no weapons inside. It was at this time Deputy Garcia saw a female, who was later identified as Witness [redacted] in the livingroom of the home.

Deputy Garcia stated he and Deputy Krautkramer did not discuss tactics or make a plan as to how they would handle this call. They did not have a Taser or stun bag with them because there is a limited supply available to them at East Los Angeles Station.

IAB Interview of Deputy Troy Krautkramer

Deputy Krautkramer stated they went to [redacted] Dobinson Street, Los Angeles regarding an attempt suicide call. On the drive to the location, he said they discussed the possibility they might have to disarm the person and prevent him from harming them or anyone else. They did not discuss specific tactics on how they would deal with any threats. Deputy Krautkramer said he coordinated the call with his assisting unit either over the radio or by MDT. The coordination consisted of him telling his assisting unit to meet them at the location.

> **IAB Note: A review of the radio traffic and the MDT Administrative Messages [Exhibit F] did not show that the call was coordinated.**

Upon arrival, Deputy Krautkramer parked in front of the location. Refer to the aerial photo **[Exhibit G]**. They contacted Witness [redacted] on the front porch of the location. Deputy Krautkramer said he knew he was not the person they were looking for because he could see that nothing was wrong with him. Witness [redacted] told them his [redacted] was in his bedroom cutting himself.

They entered the home through the open front door. Deputy krautkramer was in front. He checked the livingroom area which was to his right and scanned the interior of the home looking from his right to left. As he looked down the hall he saw Patient Gonzales standing in the hallway. Deputy krautkramer quickly continued to look to his left to make sure no additional threats were present, before bring his attention back to Patient Gonzales.

Deputy Krautkramer said the hallway was in a T-shape configuration. The top of the "T" was behind Patient Gonzales. In the "T" of the hallway, he saw the top of the head of a female who was standing in a door way just off to the right of the hallway. He could see blood dripping from Patient Gonzales' right arm and blood on his face. Deputy Krautkramer said he gave Patient Gonzales commands to raise his hands and to turn around, because he wanted to get Patient Gonzales to walk backward to the sound of his voice. Once Patient Gonzales had turned around this would allow them the ability to get into a better position to safely take him into custody. Patient Gonzales refused to comply. He did not make any statements, but had an angry look on his face and he appeared disheveled. Deputy Krautkramer said Patient Gonzales raised both hands over his head then quickly moved his right hand behind his back. His hand was in the small of his back. He made a lunging or jerking motion with his right hand. Deputy Krautkramer believed he retrieved a weapon. In fear of his life, he fired three rounds at Patient Gonzales. Patient Gonzales fell backwards and to his right.

IAB Note: **Deputy Krautkramer indicated their position inside the location on the interior sketch [Exhibit H]. He is identified by the letter "K," Deputy Garcia is identified by the letter "G" and patient Gonzales is identified by the letter"S."**

Deputy Krautkramer told Deputy Garcia to put out radio traffic that they were involved in a shooting. Because Witness [redacted] was in the house screaming very loud, Deputy Garcia had trouble getting the information out. Deputy Krautkramer said he decided to go outside to put out the information regarding the shooting so his radio traffic could be heard and to get medical treatment for Patient Gonzales. When additional personnel arrived, Patient Gonzales was searched and the house was cleared.

Suspect Statements

On Thursday, April 25, 2010, Homicide Detectives Martinez and Bossoit had spoken to Patient Gonzales while he was a patient at Los Angeles County USC Medical Center. At that time, Patient Gonzales declined to be interviewed on the advice of family members. Their conversation was recorded and summarized on page 15 of the Homicide book **[Exhibit A]**.

Patient Gonzales subsequently retained an attorney for the purpose of filing a civil lawsuit. His attorney, Nick Hornberger, would not allow Patient Gonzales to submit to an interview with Internal Affairs Investigators.

Miscellaneous

IAB Lieutenant Alicia Ault checked to see that the Watch Commander, Lieutenant Marquez took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved party and witnesses did not

discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators, as well as the involved party and witnesses personnel did not collectively consult with their attorney or representative. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Ault checked to see if the watch commander attempted to have the involved party and witnesses personnel gather in the company of a supervisor until they have provided a statement to the assigned investigators.